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P. F. CAMPS EXCEL

Over 400 young people and their leaders shared in the fellowship and inspiration of summer camps sponsored by our Northern California Congregational Conference.

Life commitments have been made in these camps. Youth have met God face to face.

Our four high school area camps have carried on vigorously. Our first camp for Junior High young people was held at Monte Toyon, and shows much promise for future work with Junior Highs. The Pilgrim Fellowship leaders' camp met for their annual sessions at Redwood Canyon. A camp for young adults is still in prospect as we go to press.

The Honor Roll of hard-working, self-sacrificing summer camp directors, to whom we owe a real debt for their fine service, were:

Rev. Willis Goldsmith, Porterville—Lake Sequoia
Mr. George I. Linn, Sacramento—Lakewood
Rev. Ralph Conard, Alameda—Loma Mar
Rev. Gordon Foster, Santa Rosa—Lokoya
Rev. David Stowe, Berkeley—Redwood Canyon
Rev. Elmo Wolfe, Benicia—Monte Toyon.

National and international visitors at the camps included Mr. Arturo Villalobos of Mexico, Mrs. Stanley Wilson of China, and Dr. Paul Reynolds of the Christian Education Division, also formerly of China.

"Uncle Paul" has been a great and creative force at these and countless other youth camps. China comes to life, and we do too!

The spirit that pervades these youth camps is well expressed by Paul Reynolds about Camp Lokoya: "Sometimes great winds push and pull the Redwoods; at times forest fires burn their feet; again, men anxious for profit cut down tall trees and log them out for lumber; insects and worms gnaw them or a sword of lightning pierces the heart of a towering tree. Nevertheless, in spite of all these disasters, they live on—new shoots appear around a stump left by the lumbermen—new life thrusts up after the fire and lightning. They have the will to live and their roots go deep into the good earth—shaken, beaten, torn, burned . . . yet they live on!

"And so may the spirit of Lokoya be. The petty round of daily life may wear us down—some may scoff at our spirit of service . . . the fires of selfishness may burn; the sharp sword of sorrow and loss may strike our families, but our faith and our love of Christ goes deep—it is nurtured by our warmth of fellowship. The fun and frolic add a deep glow to the deep solemn experiences of worship. Loneliness, trouble and sorrow — even mistakes of our own — may tug at us. Nevertheless, like the giant Redwood—the Spirit of Lokoya—the Christian Will to live, to love, to serve—this will never die."

SHIFTING

This is a shifting age, says the Religious Telescope. Most of the homes nowadays seem to be on three shifts: Father is on the night shift, mother is on the day shift, and the children—they shift for themselves!

HEADLINERS FOR ANNUAL MEET

Plans are almost complete for the annual meeting of the Northern California Congregational Conference, which will be held in First Church, Oakland, October 17 to 19.

Our headline visiting speaker will be the Rev. Truman B. Douglass, executive vice-president of the Board of Home Missions, formerly pastor of Pilgrim Church, St. Louis, and of Pilgrim Church, Pomona. Dr. Douglass will appear four times on the program. The Conference preacher will be Rev. Godfrey Matthews of Hayward and the chaplain, Rev. Ralph V. Conard of Alameda.

There will be two most interesting and vital round table discussions. One will be on "The Church and the New Day," Rev. Sidney H. Buckham presiding, with brief addresses by Rev. Vere V. Loper, Prof. Buell Gallagher, Rev. Hugh Vernon White, and Superintendent Nelson C. Dreier. The other will be on "Race Relations" and what to do about them, with Rev. Noel J. Breed as chairman and Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, Rev. Ivan Y. Wong, and Mr. Roy Nichols participating.

The proposed union with the Evangelical and Reformed Church will be discussed by Rev. Jason Hoffman of the Bethel Evangelical and Reformed Church of San Francisco and Rev. Edward F. Ouellette of Petaluma, who attended the recent General Council meeting.

Prof. H. E. Wornom of Pacific School of Religion, Mrs. E. E. McClintock of the Missions Council office in Chicago, Prof. James Muilenburg of Pacific School of Religion, and Bishop Sumner Walters of Fresno will give major addresses. Rev. Stephen C. Peabody of San Jose will give the interesting story of a self-survey of a church.

The men's dinner will be held on Wednesday night, with President Lynn T. White, Jr., of Mills College as speaker. There will be luncheons for men and women on Thursday noon, Mrs. McClintock to be the chief speaker for the women's luncheon. The Conference will close with a banquet.

Field Secretary Meyer and Superintendent Gill will give their reports in the form of addresses.

"Each One Teach One"

The thrilling story of the work of our own Frank Laubach was told in the September issue of "The Reader's Digest." We Congregationalists have a right to swell with pride. He is our own American Board missionary. Why not call the attention of people who "do not believe in foreign missions" to this article?

Northern Californians have broken into print in the September issue of The Missionary Herald. Prescott Thompson, former President of Pilgrim Fellowship and now under appointment to India by the American Board, is looking at the reader through a very fine photograph. So also is Lt. George Aki, Chaplain in the U. S. Army, graduate of Pacific School of Religion, whom we ordained at Tanforan; and likewise Col. Earl Weed now of Omaha but formerly stationed in San Francisco. The September number of ADVANCE contains a fine write-up on Dr. Mary Cushman, who is well remembered in our Conference, contributed by the Rev. Sherwood Wirt, formerly pastor at Port Chicago.

SYLVAN DALE

Four Northern California pastors attended the Summer School for Pastors at Sylvan Dale, Colorado. They report a most thoroughgoing but rewarding course of study and a very worthwhile fellowship. Our delegation consisted of Rev. Fred R. Morrow of Saratoga; Rev. Donald F. Gaylord of Grace United, San Francisco; Rev. Arthur L. Rice of Reno, and Rev. Benjamin H. Kissler of Fresno.

TORNADO AND EXPLOSION

The Port Chicago explosion and the big windstorm of last December both emphasized the necessity of carrying "extended coverage" insurance on church property. This extended coverage, which includes damage from tornado, explosion, and other hazards, can be secured for just a few cents per $100 more than straight fire insurance. It should be attended to at once.

Unit Plan

Rev. N. F. Sanderson of Martinez, who has rendered such signal service for the Unit Plan during the past two years, has again accepted leadership for that movement for the coming autumn. Through his efforts and the generosity of our people, more than three full years' quotas were subscribed in two years. Under the plans of the National Committee and approved by the General Council, it is hoped that this process of acceleration will be continued and that the whole job will be finished long before the ten years have elapsed. Mr. Sanderson, representing our own Laymen's Commission, will again be visiting many who subscribed in the past two years and others, beginning if possible by the first of October.

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SOCIAL ACTION CLINICS

A series of clinics for ministers on Social Action in general and the return of the Nisei to California in particular, has been arranged by the Conference Committee on Social Action, of which Sidney H. Buckham is Chairman. The occasion for this set-up is the visit to our area of Rev. Ray Gibbons, new Director of the national Council for Social Action. Associated with him will be Mr. Galen Fisher, Congregational layman and our foremost authority on the Japanese problem in California. These clinics will take place from 10 to 4 on each of four days: Monday, September 18, at Congregational Church, San Mateo; Tuesday, September 19, at Pilgrim Congregational Church, Fresno; Wednesday, September 20, at First Congregational Church, Lodi, and Thursday, September 21, at South Berkeley Community Church, Berkeley.

The invitations are going to pastors who are within easy driving distance to attend at least one of these clinics. Interested lay people are also invited as well as ministers of other denominations.

Dr. Gibbons will speak at three churches in addition to the clinics: Oakland Plymouth, San Francisco First, and Sacramento Pioneer.

PASTORS' BOOK CLUB

Books in the new 1944-45 Pastors' Book Club have already been mailed to the men who signed up for membership. The committee on titles, Rev. Clarence Reidenbach and Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, with the collaboration of Rev. A. C. McGiffert, chose the following named books to be included:

In Quest of a Kingdom (Weatherhead)
Vitality of the Christian Tradition (Thomas)
Date With Destiny (Sockman)
Contemporary Thinking About Jesus (Kepler)
Romance of the Ministry (Calkins)
Thirteen Against the Odds (Embree)
Rise of Christian Education (Sherrill)
Take a Look at Yourself (Miller)
Man's Vision of God (Hartshorne)
From Victory to Peace (Hutchinson).

There are three circles of ten, and a number of the members have already taken advantage of the opportunity to choose the books which they will be privileged to own at the end of the club.

PLYMOUTH HOUSE

At Plymouth House, at the midweek suppers and discussions which followed, the theme of "Makers of the Modern Mind" has been studied, including Plato, Augustine, Hume, Kant, and Marx. Rev. David Stowe, the director, preached during Rev. Vere V. Loper's vacation and was director of the Pilgrim Fellowship leadership camp.

UNRA has invited American churches of all faiths to conduct a clean used clothing drive starting September 24. Goal is 15,000,000 pounds. Our denomination wholeheartedly cooperating. Real job here for all Pilgrim Fellowship groups. Please give state-wide announcement immediately. Start laying plans now. Full details being mailed by September 1.

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PORT CHICAGO

That the Port Chicago disaster gripped the hearts of our northern California Congregational people is revealed by the gifts that have already come in from the churches, a list of which appears below. Through the cooperation of ministers and young people of the Bay area, services were held in the Port Chicago Church on the Sunday following the explosion, with Rev. Huber Burr in charge. Beginning on Sunday, August 27, Rev. N. F. Sanderson of Martinez will be in charge, not only of the services of worship but the rehabilitation of the church building and the parsonage. It is expected that by the time this issue reaches our readers actual construction will be under way.

Adin	$ 13.00
Alameda	120.89
Alturas	12.00
Angels Camp	23.00
Berkeley, First	235.03
North	37.20
South Community	15.00
Cedarville	13.50
Crockett	39.06
Elk Grove	28.00
Eureka	20.00
Fairfax	40.65
Ferndale	50.00
Fresno, Pilgrim Armenian	50.00
Kenwood	5.00
Likely	16.25
Lodi, Ebenezer	83.00
Lodi, First	122.85
Martinez	30.00
Oakland, Bethany Armenian	15.40
Fruitvale	25.00
Plymouth	47.80
Porterville	20.53
Redwood City	90.00
Rio Vista	60.00
Ripon	75.35
San Carlos	50.00
Salida	15.00
San Francisco, Calvary Armenian	9.00
Ocean View	5.00
San Lorenzo	15.00
Santa Cruz	25.00
Sebastopol	12.50
Soquel	7.50
Weaverville	10.00
	$1,437.51

SAN FRANCISCO, PARK PRESIDIO. The church is only a little over $1,000 away from the goal of liquidating the debt. Rev. Robert L. Warren, the pastor, is leading the church in the adoption of a strong program of work for the fall and winter months.

FRESNO, FIRST. Rev. John H. Gregg, during part of his vacation, preached at the Westwood Hills Church in Los Angeles, but completed his rest at a lake in the Sierras. A splendid array of talent has been secured for next year's Sunday evening programs.

The Purple Heart was awarded to 1000 of the 1400 Nisei in the 100th Battalion in Italy, and Gen. Mark Clark gave the Battalion a distinguished citation.

ROTARY PRESIDENT

Rev. John A. Milligan, now 84 years of age, is serving this year as president of the Rotary Club at Porterville, of which he has been a member twenty-four years. He is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, presidents of a Rotary Club in the country.

East and West

"The Congregational Christian Churches, more than any other organization, have demonstrated to us their wholehearted interest in behalf of the suffering people of Greece." This tribute has been paid to our Committee for War Victims and Services by the Greek Relief Association. 75,000 garments, both new and used, have already been shipped overseas, and 15,000 are now in the hands of our sewing groups. It is interesting to know that members of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union have machine-cut many of these clothes.

In China, the Japanese advances mean a new army of refugees. Great multitudes, rich and poor, old and young, are on the move, having lost practically all of their possessions. Many missionaries and other relief workers in the danger zone are in this army, but they are thankful that because of funds sent out from America, they can set up relief stations whenever an opportunity presents itself, and in some measure alleviate the misery of their fellow sufferers.

Miss Louise Payson is now working with the Unitarian Service Committee in Lisbon, where she has charge of shipping food packages to France; our State Department has recently granted permission to resume this vital service. Miss Payson is also assisting refugees and internees.

The Rev. Leslie E. Cooke, minister of the Warwick Road Congregational Church of Coventry, England, has returned to his home after speaking throughout New England, the Middle West, and the South. He came to America as a representative of the Congregational Union of England and Wales to give as many of our people as possible an idea of the problems facing churches in the British Isles. These churches are deeply appreciative of our gifts and of our support through prayers and services.

And in California Too

Our Congregational fellowship is now participating financially in the following interdenominational religious projects in defense areas and for Service men in this area:

Alameda, where there are now four Sunday Schools, regular preaching services, and with full time Caucasian and Negro leadership.

Berkeley and **Albany,** in the area west of San Pablo Avenue, where 8,000 war workers are coming in, with full time white minister and part time Negro leadership.

Herlong, on the California-Nevada border, at a great ammunition dump, with a full-time minister, who has organized a community church among 5,000 or more people.

Marin City, where our own Norman W. Pendleton is pastor of an interdenominational church, with a good Sunday School and a community program.

Meadow Park, a small community close to Hamilton Field, with a Sunday School under the direction of a student from San Anselmo Seminary.

Oakland, where the Oakland Church Council is taking leadership in finding a full-time white minister and a part-time Negro minister for the eight or more housing areas.

Richmond, where for considerably more than a year religious work has been carried on in ten or a dozen centers, under the active direction of Rev. H. H. Henderson.

Shasta Dam, where through the Home Missions Council an interdenominational community church has been maintained for several years at Central Valley, with Rev. H. P. Spiller now the pastor.

Vallejo, where we are sharing in the support of Rev. Bernard S. Davis, who, in active cooperation with the Vallejo Ministerial Union, is carrying on religious work in areas not reached by the churches.

For Service men, there is **Graystone Lodge of Sacramento** furnishing a truly Christian meeting place, with sleeping accommodations for a great crowd of Service men that come in to the city for week-ends.

San Francisco Bay Area, in support of the Ministry to Service Personnel, Rev. S. O. Thorlaksson divides his time between direct counselling with young men of the Service and in linking up chaplains of the area with churches and ministers.

All of these are made possible by the gifts of our churches to the Committee for War Victims and Services.

Check Your Church

Evidence is presented herewith that churches are improving all the time in maintaining their giving and remittances through the summer months. This is the first report since May 31, and it shows that through the intervening three months there has been splendid cooperation and a deepening of interest. With several new projects pressing for our cooperation and with the national Boards telling of new fields opening before them, this help from our people will have a direct bearing on our total progress.

Church	June 1 to Aug. 31, 1944	Jan. 11 to Aug. 31, 1944	Jan. 11 to Aug. 31, 1943
Adin	$	$	$ 6.47
Alameda	239.97	556.69	384.42
Alturas	27.15	58.60	74.23
Angels Camp	.....	37.59	75.00
Antioch	25.75	58.34	24.43
Auburn	53.90	111.60	80.00
Benicia	.....	.....	26.06
Berkeley, Arlington	29.05	47.60	20.00
First	1,307.76	4,022.04	3,791.04
North	149.37	380.49	329.46
Park	.....	.....	171.24
Campbell	80.00	155.00	157.50
Cedarville	25.00	50.00	50.00
Cloverdale	22.00	77.36	57.52
Cotati	34.27	86.14	44.95
Crockett	43.24	104.06	77.81
Etna	.....	5.84	.....
Eureka	121.95	362.97	244.52
Fairfax	25.00	25.00	30.75
Ferndale	163.45	256.00	229.05
Fresno, First	.....	811.24	915.33
Pilgrim	.....	200.00	100.00
Glen Ellen	30.00	54.05	10.00
Guerneville	.....	.....	15.00
Hayward	100.00	200.00	200.00
Kenwood	11.65	21.47	22.25
Likely	.....	.....	29.04
Lodi, First	678.78	1,608.78	1,228.25
Loleta	13.90	46.85	25.75
Loomis	.....	27.13	43.67
Martinez	134.21	278.86	298.58
Murphys	.....	81.00	81.00
Niles	.....	55.00	.....
Oakland, First	1,370.00	3,680.00	3,580.00
Fruitvale	15.00	30.00	30.00
Pilgrim	10.00	35.00	21.00
Plymouth	166.53	808.22	732.59
Orinda	18.00	18.00	.....
Oroville	80.47	205.58	131.54
Pacific Grove	.....	97.58	226.48
Palo Alto	.....	250.00	600.00
Paradise	75.00	200.00	232.70
Parlier	.....	50.00	10.00
Penngrove	14.00	73.59	22.25
Pescadero	.....	10.00	.....
Petaluma	.....	288.37	215.83
Pittsburg	54.96	112.65	111.50
Port Chicago	105.82	105.82	3.72
Porterville	200.00	400.00	290.00
Redwood City	265.39	493.39	565.67
Rio Vista	.....	44.00	14.00
Ripon	96.48	179.85	126.61
Sacramento	240.00	640.00	544.14
Salida	35.00	65.00	60.00
San Carlos	74.50	115.51	78.90
San Francisco—			
Bethany Msn. Park	15.00	88.00	130.92
Calvary	30.00	30.00	.....
First	436.96	657.60	912.42
Ocean View	.....	80.00	75.00
Richmond	.....	54.00	75.00
San Jose	200.85	523.74	460.00
San Leandro	48.65	88.20	76.74
San Mateo	354.22	867.16	545.71
San Rafael	25.00	105.00	40.00
Santa Cruz	150.00	570.00	400.00
Santa Rosa	62.00	154.50	113.00
Saratoga	157.80	315.35	288.02
Sebastopol	144.22	216.82	122.56
Sonoma	.....	42.45	107.24
Soquel	100.00	118.00	64.10
Stockton	178.20	387.63	379.75
Suisun	25.00	50.00	50.00
Sunnyvale	50.30	50.30	52.00
Tulare	.....	169.00	259.23
Weaverville	.....	70.00	60.00
Woodside	25.00	53.80	26.00
Reno, Nevada	202.22	393.09	352.51
*Miscellaneous and Individual	120.25	1,180.92	963.79
Totals	$8,463.22	$23,947.82	$21,994.24

*Includes individual gifts for new work, Pilgrim Fellowship contributions, and per capita taxes from German churches.

SAN LORENZO. An almost unparalleled opportunity has been presented to the San Lorenzo Church and the Northern California Congregational Conference by the building of 1329 beautiful new six-room homes in what is to be known as San Lorenzo Village. Already more than 100 of these homes are occupied. The Interdenominal Superintendents' Council has allocated this area to our fellowship. Active search is going on for a full time minister. Rev. W. Wallace Furze has supplied the San Lorenzo Church for a number of years and is giving every possible cooperation in the new and enlarged project.

TULARE. Immediately upon the resignation of Rev. Arthur L. Rice, a strong committee was appointed and an invitation was extended to Rev. Stewart E. Locke to serve for five Sundays as a supply minister. This period of acquaintanceship ripened into affection and Mr. Locke was called as pastor and began work on September 1. Mr. Locke's last pastorate was at Auburn, but a breakdown in health made a period of extended rest necessary. He is now well recovered and with Mrs. Locke will bring splendid leadership to the Tulare church.

OAKLAND, FIRST. On Youth Sunday twenty-eight joined the church, twenty on confession of faith. During Dr. Clarence Reidenbach's absence on vacation, the pulpit was supplied for four Sundays by Dr. A. C. McGiffert of Pacific School of Religion, and on one Sunday by Rev. Godfrey Matthews of Hayward. The church was well represented at summer conferences, 15 young people being in attendance at Loma Mar, of which Miss Mae Baudin, director of religious education for the church, was registrar. Five members attended the M. E. M. conference at San Anselmo.

SUNNYVALE. During the summer the church building has been completely redecorated inside, walls painted, woodwork varnished, pews cleaned and revarnished; floors, stairs and upstairs completely cleaned and redressed. The intention is to make a church parlor of one of the rooms. The pastor, Rev. J. K. Ballou, is making a card index with complete information regarding the members. He states that the past year has been the best in his pastorate of nearly five years.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. On Sunday, July 30, this church observed its 95th anniversary—the oldest Congregational church in California. On the evening of that date, guest speaker was Rev. Fred Field Goodsell of the American Board. During the absence of the pastor, Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, on vacation, the pulpit has been occupied by the Rev. George W. Phillips, well known radio preacher. A fine vacation church school was held during the summer.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. The 40th wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. John G. Dickey was celebrated by a reception in June, given by the Angels Camp Church. The Dickeys have spent their vacation with their son, Paul, who is pastor in Portland, Oregon. Mr. Dickey is still carrying on his splendid ministry at the C. Y. A. camp near the Big Trees.

FAIRFAX. The Masonic Lodge which has had use of the church property for years, has moved out, but the Fairfax School Department will have need of a portion of the building, so the income of the church will not be impaired. On a recent Sunday, Rev. Rudolph Caughey, the pastor, had two baptisms, at both of which both sets of grandparents were present.

SARATOGA. There were 65 pupils and 12 adult leaders at the vacation church school. Rev. Fred R. Morrow is pastor.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

REDWOOD CITY. A letter of resignation from Dr. Charles E. Ward, the pastor, was read immediately following Sunday morning service, August 13, to the surprise and regret of the members. Dr. Ward and his family came here from Boise, Idaho, eight years ago and during that time has received 281 new members and baptized 180 persons. The annual budget system of church finances has been put into use, the church property and manse have been reconditioned, and much new equipment installed. The Women's Guild, under the stimulus of Dr. and Mrs. Ward, has brought a series of well known speakers to Redwood City. A fund for future major projects has been steadily built up.

Dr. Ward was one of the four community leaders recently interviewed by The Tribune as to the future of Redwood City. He is president of the San Mateo County Ministerial Association and has served on the faculty of several summer camps of youth. Mrs. Ward has been a Sunday School leader and a deaconess for several years. Of the sons, Wilfred, the eldest, is a Sergeant of Engineers; Donald is engaged in governmental electronic research with the Sylvania war plant in Pennsylvania; and Charles H. is Radio Technician First Class on a destroyer escort in convoy service. Dr. Ward's resignation becomes effective in three months from its date.

GUERNEVILLE. A crew of 12 boys put in a week of steady work cleaning and landscaping the church grounds, cutting down two trees and uprooting overgrown bushes and shrubs. Later on the church received a coat of white paint and rather extensive repairs and renovations. The youth program of the church was presented by Mr. Henry Hayden, the pastor, to the Rotary Club at one of their meetings. Mr. Hayden and the boys' group rescued thousands of trout from Austin Creek, which was drying up, and for which much favorable comment was received. A choir has been formed and a leather guest book has been placed in the vestibule.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. 76 children were enrolled at the vacation church school, with attendance running between 40 and 50, even reaching 60. New teachers were recruited and there was a splendid attendance of parents at the closing night. Mr. Eugene Sill, the pastor, has now moved into the parsonage of the church which has been rented for a number of years. Since June he has been giving full time to the Ocean View work.

PORTERVILLE. This church has had the best summer attendance in years. The community Daily Vacation Church School was held at the Congregational Church and five leaders were from that church. Three young people went all the way to Redwood Canyon for the P. F. Leadership Conference. Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith, pastor, has assisted in the union preaching services on Sunday nights.

SANTA CRUZ. Notwithstanding gas rationing, though with visitors in attendance, the summer congregations averaged more than two hundred. One Sunday the pastor, Rev. H. S. Mahood, exchanged with Rev. H. J. Loken of San Carlos. Members of the women's groups have held picnic meetings during the summer.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. Rev. J. B. Orr, pastor, during the Sundays in the summer answered many troublesome questions making an effort to present several points of view regarding each one.

SOQUEL. A larger parish summer vacation program, embracing four communities, was carried on during the months of July and August and will continue up to the opening of school on September 11. Two vacation schools, one of two weeks' duration and the other of three weeks, serving children of the four communities, enrolled a total of 77. Two summer camp periods of one week each, with a total of 26 children, followed each vacation school period. Splendid camping facilities were available at Montecito Springs, within easy reach of Soquel, where swimming and hiking were available. The church camp was a new venture undertaken with hesitancy in view of the large number of young people employed, but proved very successful. During part of the season a recreation program has been carried on during afternoons. Assisting Rev. and Mrs. T. Davis Preston was Miss La Verne Brookover of Berkeley, whose help was made possible by the Conference.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON AVENUE. The architect has shown his first set of drawings of a proposed church building to the building committee. The church school has been reorganized with a new superintendent and full set of teachers, and Miss LaVerne Brookover who has been one of the officers of Pilgrim Fellowship and worked in the Soquel area this summer, is to be counselor of the Young People's Fellowship. The annual canvass is about to be undertaken in the community for the support of the Fellowship House. A budget of $4,910 has been adopted. Rev. Herbert Dimock assisted with the Monte Toyon Conference, and had a brief vacation in southern California.

BERKELEY, SOUTH COMMUNITY. The young people's work camp completed its project. Grounds about the building were cleaned, the building itself painted, and a great deal of renovation took place in the interior. Congregations right through the summer have been from 150 to 175. The charter membership list contains 105 names of regular members and more than 30 associates. Close to $5,000 has been subscribed by the members toward the budget and benevolences of the church. On October 2, at a special meeting of the Bay Association, the church will be received into membership. Mr. Roy Nichols was married on July 23.

CEDARVILLE. Rev. Terence Stoker, student at Pacific School of Religion, has been in Surprise Valley, under the auspices of the Conference, all summer. Services have been held in Cedarville and Eagleville. Sunday School and young people's work has been strengthened. Incidentally, Mr. Stoker has made himself most welcome by helping farmers in their summer work. There has been a great shortage of farm help. Mr. Stoker will return for the fall quarter at Pacific School of Religion.

GLEN ALLEN. Once a month following the Sunday morning service of worship, the congregation assembles for a picnic lunch. This church, which had closed a year and a half ago or so, has now increased the minister's salary by 50%. A beautiful pure silk flag has been placed in the sanctuary. Rev. C. C. Champlin is pastor.

EUREKA. During the summer, several Eureka churches have joined for union evening services which have been held in the Christian, Congregational and Methodist houses of worship. Early in the summer Rev. C. H. Hudson, the pastor, preached the commencement sermon at the Hoopa Indian Reservation.

TRINITY COUNTY. Rev. P. N. Bennett who for four years has been pastor and home missionary for this area, has resigned to accept the call of the Congregational Church of Ferndale, Wash., and will close his work in California on October 16. Mr. Bennett has ministered faithfully and well, and carries with him the respect of everyone and the deep affection of many. The work of the Weaverville Church has been decidedly strengthened under his pastorate. Lewiston has declined in population and business activities and it has been almost impossible to maintain services. At the present time there is growth in the Hayfork area and there are prospects for a considerable increase through the whole county by the coming of lumber mills after the war. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett were delegates to the General Council in Grand Rapids and visited old friends and former places of residence on their trip.

OROVILLE. The resignation of Rev. Frank E. Carlson after serving only sixteen months was a great shock to the church, but no time was lost in selecting a successor, Rev. Maurice L. de Vries. He is a graduate of Asbury College and completed his Yale Divinity School course this year, although he was ordained about three years ago. He served at the Ardenwald Church of Portland, Oregon, for two years, and while studying at Yale was pastor at North Branford, Connecticut. He is already on the field and at work in Oroville. The church joined with the Methodist Church for services during the interim. The church, which knows how to do a good job in giving receptions, gave the Carlsons a fine send-off and then a few weeks later had a notable welcoming gathering for the new minister.

CAMPBELL. Forty-four young people and their advisers held another camp this summer at Monte Toyon, near Santa Cruz. Owing to the pressure of the fruit work they had to go immediately after school closed. The Church board has completed plans for a $15,000 renovation and expansion plan, which will begin on September 10, covering a period of three years. It is expected to provide for church interior decoration, building of a boys' room, and the extension of the present Sunday School facilities. The boys' room will be an immediate project and some of that money is already in hand. Rev. J. H. Bennett is pastor.

ELK GROVE. A parsonage, at a cost of $4500, has been purchased. Rev. F. C. Zahl of Lincoln, Nebraska, formerly of the Zion Church, Fresno, has accepted a call to succeed Rev. John F. Reister, to begin early in October. Mr. Reister has retired after more than forty-four years in the Congregational denomination, as pioneer worker, field secretary of Redfield College, and local pastor. He will make his home at Walla Walla, Washington.

ADIN. Rev. Janie McMillan Lewis, who has been serving as supply minister during the summer, will undoubtedly continue in a more permanent relationship. The church will be known as the Community Church, but with Congregational affiliations. A number of new members are ready to be received. Services on Sunday are held both morning and evening and there has been a great gain in interest.

SALIDA. Rev. Jessie Getty Heath was called as pastor for her fourth year, and given a substantial increase in salary. A second Service Flag has been dedicated, showing thirty-three names of boys sometime connected with this church.

BERKELEY, NORTH. Rev. Eugene V. Haynes of Klamath Falls, Oregon, has been called to be the pastor of this church and will take up his responsibilities on October 15. Mr. Haynes is a graduate of Occidental College and the Pacific School of Religion. He was ordained at the Northbrae Community Church in Berkely in 1932, where he served as director of religious education and assistant pastor until 1934. He was pastor of the Federated Church of Malta, Montana, from 1935 to 1938, and has had his present post at Klamath Falls since March of 1938. Under his leadership the work in Klamath Falls has gained strength in membership and financial support. Mrs. Haynes also had theological training and a musical education. They have one daughter. They will be welcomed back to Northern California, and North Church is looking forward to a vigorous program of progress.

PACIFIC GROVE. This church is rejoicing in the coming of its new pastor, the Rev. Tod B. Sperling, who began his work September 1. Mr. Sperling comes to Pacific Grove from Chicago, where he held a Presbyterian pastorate at the same time he was taking special studies at the McCormick Theological Seminary. He is a graduate of Bethlehem College, Westminster Theological Seminary. Pacific is glad to extend the welcome of our northern California Congregational Churches to Mr. and Mrs. Sperling as they take up their work with us. Inasmuch as the publication of an Umbundu translation of the Old Testament, in which this church has been vitally interested, will necessarily be delayed for some time, the church has invested the $1,100 raised for the project in United States Savings Bonds, to be held against the time when such publication is feasible.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. A worth-while program was provided for the children of this church during summer, including a Vacation School and participation in various summer camps. Miss Alice English, the Director of Religious Education, was on the faculty of our new junior high camp. Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, the pastor, attended the ministers' summer school at Sylvan Dale in July, and the September issue of The Spire indicates that he has a fine fall program ready to be launched.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. This church was host to a Community Vacation Church School with the Methodist and Christian churches cooperating. To the end of "Making the Church Safe for Tomorrow," the pastor, Rev. Robert Inglis, is meeting with a dozen different groups in a series of Cottage Fellowship Meetings in the homes of members during the month of September. Early in the month the members will be considering the purchase of a parsonage.

PETALUMA. The financing of the fulfillment plan for the church is well on the way, a plan which was stimulated by the falling of a large section of plaster in the auditorium, which fortunately came at a time when no one was in the building. Rev. Edward F. Ouellette, the pastor, in his summary of the first year of service, reported 25 new members during the year.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

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No Federation meeting in September. Support your own Association meeting.

ALL SET TO GO!

After a two months' vacation, the women of the Federation gathered in the First Church, Oakland, to prepare for the work of the coming months. The President, Mrs. Scott Haymond, outlined the program of meetings for the remainder of the year. In September, there will be, as usual, no Federation meeting, in order to give opportunity for the several Associations to hold their own. This is in accordance with our constitutional provisions. And for the first time since the ruling was adopted, all the Association meetings fall into the month provided for them. The dates this year are as follows: September 12, Santa Clara Association at Saratoga; September 14, Upper Bay at Antioch; September 15, Sacramento in the Pioneer Church of Sacramento; September 19, San Joaquin, in the Pilgrim Church of Fresno; September 20, Bay, in the Plymouth Church of Oakland; September 21, Redwood Empire, at Guerneville; September 22, Central, at Stockton. Mrs. E. E. McClintock will be on the Coast and will speak at all the meetings. In October, we meet, as usual, with the Northern California Conference at their annual meeting, which this year will be held at the First Church, Oakland, October 17, 18 and 19.

The first report at the general meeting was that of the Foreign Field Secretary, and we were glad to hear from Mrs. Ernest Evans, who has not been able to meet with us since her disastrous fall the first of the year. She told of the death of Miss Mary McClure from cholera, on June 19, presumably in India. Mrs. Evans reported on the evacuation of all Americans from Fukien, including our workers in the Foochow Mission and Pagoda Anchorage Hospital. She called on Mrs. Dennis Goodsell, Third Vice-President, who told of the detention of Dr. Lucius Porter at hard labor in a concentration camp.

Mrs. Verdette Walters, Home Field Secretary, had also to report a death—that of Dr. Mary Branch, President of Tillotson College, on July 6. During Dr. Branch's presidency, Tillotson has advanced from a small and struggling school of hardly high school grade, to a fine institution of college grade, ranked "A" in the American Association of Universities—a truly remarkable achievement.

Miss Mary Coxhead, Social Relations Secretary, urged us all to acquaint ourselves with the issues, as well as the candidates, in the forthcoming presidential election.

Mrs. Philip Greisinger, Reading List Chairman, was unavoidably absent, but had left her report with our Second Vice-President, Mrs. H. S. Gauthier. Some of the books recommended were as follows: "The Indian in American Life," by a number of authors, which is the M.E.M. textbook on the home field for the coming year; "Indians Are People, Too," by Ruth Muskrat Bronson an Indian herself, which covers the same ground and is the more readable of the two; "West of the Date Line," by Constance Hallock, and "Peoples of the China Seas," by Elizabeth Clark, which are both pinch-hitting for the main text on the foreign field; "Unfolding Drama in Southeast Asia," by Basil Mathews, which will not be out until October. Other books are: "America in the New Pacific," by George Taylor; "Between Tears and Laughter," by Lin Yutang (in which, your editor may interpolate, the tears are more in evidence than the laughter); "My Life With the Enemy," by Phyllis Argall, which Mrs. Greisinger says is very important; "Mother America," by Carlos Romulo, and "From Carabao to Clipper," an older book by E. K. and I. W. Higdon, both of these last two dealing with the Philippines; and three outstandingly interesting books dealing with the present war: Dr. Gordon Seagrave's "Burma Surgeon," Paul Geren's "Burma Diary," and James Hilton's "Story of Dr. Wassell."

Another absentee member whom we welcomed back to the field with joy was Mrs. E. B. Kientz, Young People's Secretary, who reported on the various young people's conferences held during the summer. The newest of these valuable gatherings is the Junior High Conference, held this year at Monte Toyon. The number in attendance was small, kept so intentionally, in order to make possible better work with the younger members. But the 52 who were there were most enthusiastic. Mrs. Kientz emphasized the need for the Conference to have a camp ground of our own, as it is becoming increasingly difficult to secure facilities.

Of the many interesting things which Mrs. J. H. McCartney brought us from the General Council Meeting at Grand Rapids, it is possible to speak only briefly. There was an impressive service of Dedication for Women's Work, in which, after a processional of women representing all the states, the leader called the roll of states and as each woman rose at the name of her own, a young girl lighted a candle and placed it on the altar. There was also the Commissioning Service for Miss Saidie Hibberd, who is soon to go out as a nurse, probably to Turkey. The Women's Luncheon was under the auspices of the United Council of Church Women, and the special theme of the talks was "Interdenominationalism."

In the afternoon we had reports from the M.E.M. Conference held at San Anselmo in July. Mrs. H. S. Gauthier, for whom this year was her first, told of her impressions, as she attended classes, or climbed down hill for chapel and up hill for vespers. Mrs. Verdette Walters took up in some detail the book which is for our home study, "The Indian in American Life," and emphasized certain points such as the wardship problem. Mrs. E. B. Kientz spoke especially on the work for young people at the Conference, led by Miss Blanche Carrier and her assistant. She said that the church is lagging far behind other agencies in the matter of visual education, emphasized the value of dramatics, and of using the child's imaginative power to realize how other racial groups feel. She defined missions from the child's standpoint as the stressing of kindly relations with all people. Miss Mary Seely, one of our Directors, who is also on the Conference Board of the M. E. M., spoke on the extra-curricular activities of the sessions, both the informal gatherings in the Seminary parlor, where were taught Indian games that might interest the children in our church groups, and the more formal evening talks in the lecture hall. She told of the dynamic speaker on South America, more Argentine than North American, who thought we were all Presbyterians; spoke guardedly of the presence with us of Mr. McKinnon, recently returned from a Japanese concentration camp; gave us a picture of Siam as told by one who knew it intimately and made his tribute to our own Dr. Laubach. If any one had had an idea of a school of missions as slow or heavy, Miss Seely's talk was a good corrective.

A Fighter Speaks

Several months ago the Sacramento Bee carried a letter from Captain Ralph T. Lui, from which the following quotations are given:

"I believe I can express the attitude of the soldiers who have met the Japanese in combat. I was with the men who froze under fire for 21 days on the bleak snow-covered slopes of Attu. There we saw our best friends killed in a maniacal demonstration of Japanese fanaticism. No one can accuse us of being soft hearted toward the Japanese. The demands of battle develop an impersonal outlook on the subject of death to an enemy.

"On the other hand, battle gives one a balance of outlook, which is entirely lacking in certain Japanese baiting circles. We have gone into battle with loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry and they have acquitted themselves with honor and glory. Imagine the risk such a man takes when he volunteers and joins the army. Not only must he be careful of enemy fire, but he must take caution that he is not mistaken by his own troops as an enemy. We soldiers glory in the fact that these Japanese boys are with us giving their full measure of devotion, while their brothers and sisters, in some instances, are in relocation camps.

"Have no fear that returning soldiers would desire to slit the throats of loyal Japanese at home. Such a threat is only for those who do not know; for those whose courage has not been tested and who seek refuge in pompus phrases.

"It is not the returning soldier who will wish to torment and hound the loyal American-Japanese. We'll do our fighting on the battlefields against our country's enemies, and not on the streets at home against our country's friends."

FROM TED AND ESTHER

Friends of Rev. and Mrs. Theodore Schulz will be glad to hear of the most interesting work they are doing at Paia on the Island of Maui, Hawaii. Mr. Schulz is acting as pastor of a church made up largely of Japanese, but he and Mrs. Schulz have been conducting vacation church schools in a number of centers. Their work is really inter-racial, and he finds the people to be most cooperative and eager for the guidance which a pastor can give, not only in activities but in understanding Christian truth and the Christian way.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. During the vacation of Rev. Byron E. Eshelman, the church was supplied by Mr. Paul Sutley, Rev. Charles A. Stanley, and Rev. John D. Axtell. Money is on hand for new front steps to the church and for rugs. Mr. Eshelman assisted the Oakland School Department as a director of "Stay at Home Camp" for boys.

BENICIA. All of the window s in the classrooms and four of the stained glass windows of the church were shattered by the Port Chicago explosion. One or two may possibly be repaired. The vacation church school was a decided success. Rev. N. F. Sanderson served as guest preacher during the vacation of Rev. Elmo D. Wolfe, the pastor.

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER CHURCH. This second oldest Congregational Church in California celebrates its 95th anniversary at its annual dinner and meeting September 20. Rev. Ray Gibbons, Director of the Council for Social Action, New York, will deliver the address. Rev. Torrance Phelps is pastor.

BERKELEY, CHINESE. Very attractive improvements and renovations have been made in the vestibule and the interior of the church sanctuary. Much painting has been done and curtains and drapes have been cleaned. It is expected that a new driveway will be laid and properly fenced. Rev. Ivan Y. Wong is the pastor.

PITTSBURG. Considerable damage was done to the stained glass windows of the church by the Port Chicago explosion. About ten windows were almost totally demolished. Fortunately the church carried "extended coverage" insurance, which covers tornadoes and explosions. Rev. E. W. Benedict is the pastor.

FLASH! Word comes that Berkeley North parish house burned.

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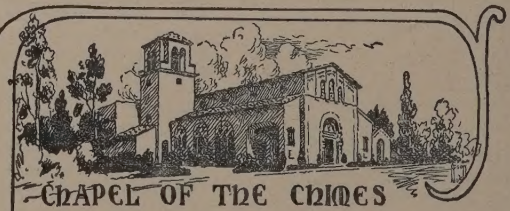
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